

CAMPAIGN TRAIL—Former Commissioner of Public Relations Richard Cowsill and Robert Cardenas talk to a Valley student about an amendment to change the title of Commissioner of

Chicano Studies to include "Hispanics." Today is the last day to vote on the amendment in general election.

Star photo by Tom Neerken

Sit-In Staged By Chicanos At A.S. Office

By MIKE EBERTS
Editor-in-Chief

Protesting what they perceived as a double standard regarding amendments to the A.S. constitution, approximately 20 Chicano students staged a sit-in at President Mike Moline's office Thursday.

The peaceful one-hour sit-in was triggered by confusion over rules concerning the deletion of Amendments 3 and 4 from the A.S. ballot.

The amendments, opposed by MECHA, seek to change the name of the office now called "Commissioner of Chicano Studies." Amendment 3 would change the name to "Commissioner of Hispanic and Chicano Awareness" while Amendment 4 would change it to "Commissioner of Hispanic and Chicano Studies."

Both amendments are authored by Commissioner of Chicano Studies Ron Ramirez, who feels the term "Chicano" does not adequately repre-

sent people of Central and South American extraction.

MECHA asked if amendment 3 could be deleted at Tuesday's council meeting. Moline had told the attending MECHA members that the amendment could not be taken off the ballot.

According to Moline, AS Parliamentarian Don Byan mistakenly told MECHA members that Moline had later said to Ryan the amendment could be deleted, but not to tell anybody from MECHA. "He (Ryan) misquoted me," Moline said. "There's no way that amendment can be taken off the ballot."

According to Jim Garcia, chairman of MECHA and one of the protesters, the sit-in started shortly before noon in front of Moline's office in Campus Center.

At about 12:10 Moline returned to his office and found the protesters.

"I was coming back from playing football," he said. "I saw all these people and said to myself, 'What is this?'"

He said the MECHA members were "very upset," but non-violent.

"We wanted some straight answers. We were tired of getting the runaround," Garcia said.

"We told him (Moline) we really aren't represented on this in council because Ramirez, who is supposed to be our man, wrote the amendment," he said.

Moline said he invited the protesters into his office and talked with them for approximately 20 minutes. The protesters then left.

"I think he (Moline) dealt with us fairly," Garcia said.

Garcia said the sit-in was organized in the mid-morning. "We were all sort of talking about the amendment and then somebody said 'Let's go talk to the president.'"

Garcia called the sit-in "sort of a one-shot thing."

"We are not into power — we don't think of ourselves as being that way. But we don't want people to tread on us."

'Hispanics' Confront MECHA

A confrontation between Latino and Chicano students has seemingly lessened tensions between the two groups, but has left some questions unanswered.

Approximately 20 Latino students, led by commissioner of Chicano studies Ron Ramirez, walked into Tuesday's MECHA meeting, apparently as a show of support for Amendment 4 on the student government ballot.

The amendment, authored by Ramirez, would change "commissioner of Chicano studies" to "commissioner of Hispanic and Chicano studies."

MECHA opposes amendment 4, and amendment 3, which would change the name to "commissioner of Hispanic and Chicano awareness," claiming the term "Hispanic" is a regressive, insulting governmental term.

"These people are Hispanic students who want representation and are working for the passage of Amendment 4," Ramirez told Star.

The approximately 25 MECHA members in the room fell silent as the Latino students entered. The mood was cordial, but restrained.

Chicano students have charged Ramirez with causing a rift between Latinos and Hispanics by proposing the amendment. Some Chicanos also felt Ramirez had no backing for his amendment. At last week's MECHA meeting, it had been referred to as a "one-man amendment."

Margie Chavez, a MECHA member, said, "We were happy to see them (the pro-Ramirez Latinos) whether these people were with him all along or if he just found them this morning. I don't know. But I guess he does have somebody behind him."

Past MECHA President Ramona (Continued on Pg. 8, Col. 2)

The Bookstore will only buy back books during the last two weeks of the semester, says Bookstore manager Joe Rizzo. There will be no other buy back periods.

Moore Resigns District Post for Cal Assembly

By TOM LEAGUE
News Editor

Recently elected assemblyperson Gwen Moore resigned her post as a member of the Board of Trustees Nov. 22 to join the California State Assembly.

Moore was elected to the Assembly Nov. 7 and has now left for Sacramento with high hopes of doing a good job in her new office during her term.

In a unanimous resolution, the Board of Trustees praised Moore for bringing "distinction and honor to the district by her involvement in many civic and urban affairs and her enriching the lives of thousands of students in the Los Angeles Community College District."

Moore was the only Black member

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'PHOENIX' TO RISE AT VC?

Handicapped Seek Transportation; Tram Now Stalled In Red Tape

By EVAN HOWELL
Staff Writer

"The Phoenix Flyer," which whisks the handicapped across this large campus. Instead, the special vehicle remains stalled at the moment because of mechanical, legal, and ethical problems.

The ten-passenger tram sits in a garage, waiting to be utilized by disabled students at Valley. It could roll soon with some repairs and practical considerations, some V.C. officials feel.

Rewiring and repainting are needed to fix damages suffered in shipment, according to George Kopoulos, Coordinator of Special Services at V.C.

Also, collapsible steps are necessary for easier entry, and seat belts

for safety, he points out. Considering VC's 106 acres, some system is definitely needed for transporting the disabled. With alternations this tram would be operational, complete with a two-passenger trailer and automatic lift for wheelchairs, Kopoulos feels.

Postponed by rain on Nov. 21, "Anything Goes Day" has been rescheduled for Thursday, Dec. 14, says that event's coordinator Kim Walker. The event will be held in Monarch Square from 11 a.m. to noon.

But legal and practical problems remain, even if "The Flyer" does get running eventually. Questions concerning operation of the tram are largely financial, says Kopoulos. For instance, who should fund repair expenses, in view of Proposition 13? Current revenues rule out full-time classified employees, leaving student operators as one alternative. But could students legally run such a vehicle without a special license, Kopoulos wonders.

Finally, problems of daily operation must be solved. Basically, there are questions of logistics, according to Mary Lee, dean of student services. The tram would be most needed during the 10 minutes out of each hour between classes. Since crowds usually

MECHA Calls for Moratorium On Warfare by Youth Gangs

By GERALD SITSER
City Editor

Widespread tension among the Chicano community and the fear of mounting gang violence brought together 2,000 Chicano youths from the San Fernando Valley, Ventura, and Oxnard areas for a show of unity Tuesday at Cal State Northridge.

A common desire for peace among rival barrio gangs in the Valley was symbolized in the signing by gang leaders of a "contract" calling for a halt to all violence for 30 days.

Valley College MECHA Chairperson Jim Garcia considers

this one-month period to be "really an impressive achievement when you consider the tension and rivalry among our (the Chicano) people. But of course," he cautions, "a contract is only as good as its word."

MECHA organizations around the

Valley were instrumental in planning the meeting, which was conceived by a community group for social improvement known as The Workers' Coalition. Northridge MECHA volunteered the use of their campus,

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A SHOW OF STRENGTH—Chicano youths from around the Valley, some hanging over the balcony at left watch members of the Teatro Urdano ("inner city") act out a scene from barrio life. Youths gathered Tuesday on the CSUN campus in a symbolic show of unity among rival barrio gangs.

Star photo by Melanie Bishop

VC Marching Band Will Issue Single

By JEFF GOTHARD
Staff Writer

The LAVC Marching Band has become a recording group on campus. Their new single will contain their rendition of "Witchita" on side one and either "Got to Get You Into My Life," "Fantasy," (EWF) or "Africano" on the flip side. A decorative jacket has also been designed to accompany the disc.

The number of copies of the finished record has not yet been decided. An estimate of money needed has not been determined.

In the past two weeks, the band has spent the majority of its time putting together and recording a few of their most popular selections for the production of the 45 rpm disc, an-

nounced band director Irvin Pope and Bob Dawson, Wednesday at a \$25 per hour professional recording session on Monarch Field.

The finished single will be used at feeder high schools as a recruiting tool. A copy in the library will provide historical reference of this year's band, and individual members of the band may want a few as sentimental keepsakes.

Despite the relatively small size of this year's band approximately 60 pieces, the directors and band members decided that there was a good possibility for a full, tight, high quality recording. Three previous attempts at producing a single have been made in past years, but none of the takes come up to the standards set by the director. This year, however, Pope and Dawson feel confident and optimistic about the outcome.

Disease Unit To Test at VC

In order to stop the spread of a deadly genetic disease, the Tay-Sachs disease carrier detection unit will test for the disease at Valley on Tuesday, Dec. 12.

Tay-Sachs is a recessive genetic disorder which mainly, but not exclusively, affects children of Jewish ancestry. Usually, the affected child will appear normal until 6 months old. But once the disease strikes rapid deterioration occurs.

Few children afflicted with Tay-Sachs reach their fifth birthday, said spokesperson Anna Hamilton.

She said the disease is incurable, but it is preventable. For that reason, it is especially important to test for carriers of the disease before they have children, she adds.

Tay-Sachs affects 1 in 200 of the general population and 1 in 27 in the Jewish population, she said.

The California Tay-Sachs disease prevention program has tested over

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STAR EDITORIALS

We Get Your Message

Dear Reader,

Star is writing this Letter to the Reader in response to the fine feedback we have gotten from you during the first 12 weeks of this semester.

You won't see any editorials or opinion columns on this page. But it will still be an "Opinion Page."

The only difference will be that you — the students and faculty of Valley College — will be the writers.

We decided to publish a page of your letters for one reason: we think they're quite good.

We also think your letters are exciting because no two seem to be alike. Star receives letters from PhD's and high school dropouts, from students who were in high school last year and students who retired last year, from holymen and atheists, and from people with all political viewpoints.

The reasons behind the letters vary almost as much as the individual writers. Some letters could be printed on other pages of Star as news articles, so complete and impartial are their information. Other letters enlist support for a particular viewpoint. Some are in response to stories that appeared in Star. Others are suggestions for stories they'd like to see in Star. And, oh yes, some are critical of Star in some way.

But all your letters are welcome.

And we think you'll like hearing what your colleagues have to write for a change. We see it as kind of being like one of those discount stores which promises lower prices by "cutting the middle man."

Well, instead of reporting on what other people think, we're letting them tell you directly.

Sincerely,
The Editors of Star



Are Teachers Educators?

I would like to respond to the article about "grade inflation" that appeared in the Nov. 9 issue, and another article that appeared a few weeks ago about attrition. It seems to me that the whole controversy resolves itself into a lack of agreement over the basic function of our school system. There are several philosophical questions that must be answered before we can answer the questions of what to do, if anything, about grade inflation and attrition.

First of all, what is the teacher's function? Is it to help the student acquire abilities? Or is it to measure abilities? Is the teacher to play the role of advocate, or of judge? Should his role be friend, or adversary? In our present school system, we persist in ignoring the fact that these two functions are inconsistent.

Our legal system recognizes that a judge cannot be objective if he has a personal interest in a case. It would be a travesty for the same person to advise a client about what to do, then sit on the bench and judge the same defendant on the appropriateness of his actions. Yet, this is what a teacher is expected to do. Therefore, a final grade assigned by the same person who taught the student cannot be as objective and meaningful as a grade earned on some standardized test. We recognize this principle in the SAT and GRE, professional licensing exams, etc. But in less important matters, like the grade for a college course, we prefer to forget it because it is too much trouble.

To further pervert this already unhealthy situation, the teacher is forced to play the numbers game. So if he judges too harshly, his enrollment drops, and he finds himself without a job.

The next question that must be answered is what is the goal of a particular school system? Is it quality, or quantity? Body count, or performance? The glib and naive answer of most politicians is that the goal should be both. "Quality education for the masses," they say. But the harsh reality is that we cannot have both in the same system. The two goals are contradictory. If the goal is quality, then one must have a competitive, elitist system, with very few graduates. There must be rigid entrance exams, and the faculty takes an adversary position, whose function is to challenge the student and weed out all but the best. If the goal is quantity, then one must have an egalitarian system, with open-door enrollment and non-punitive grading policies. The function of the faculty is to befriend the student, encouraging

as many people as possible to enroll and to remain in school as long as possible, regardless of their abilities.

Much of the rhetoric about the twin problems of grade inflation and attrition stems from the fact that faculty members are products of elitist universities, but we find ourselves teaching in an egalitarian system. And some of our students will also be transferring into elitist universities. So there is confusion about what our function should be. The community college concept is egalitarian, but we are then criticized for, and feel guilty about, not being elitist.

The next question that must be answered is what is the function of grading? Is it to encourage the student in his development? If so, then he should be competing with his own past performance, so that he has continuous feedback about how well he is doing; and even the slightest improvement should be rewarded.

Is it to measure his relationship to others in the class? If so, then he is forced into a competition with his peers, so that every class must assume a rigid curve, with a predetermined number of students assigned to each letter grade.

Is it to measure his mastery of the subject matter? If so, then the grading curve may assume many possible shapes, depending on many different factors.

The most extreme egalitarian would choose the first grading system. The most extreme elitist would choose the second system. And

one who assumes an intermediate position would choose the third.

During their education courses, teachers are told that, if the goal is mastery of the subject, they should help each student to master the material in his own way — even if this means spending an unequal amount of time with different students. Under this system, the goal is for every student to attain complete mastery of the material, and therefore earn an A. But an elitist looks at these grades and says that if everyone in the class made an A then the teacher is a failure, because in a "properly" taught class, there "should" be as many F's as there are A's.

The only guidelines teachers are given about grading is that one had better not be too elitist, or there will be excessive attrition. And one had better not be too helpful or the grades will appear inflated. So different

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Con Wants Friends

I'm writing in hopes you'll assist me with what I consider to be the answer to my loneliness and my future. I'm currently incarcerated in a minimum security farm facility (Ohio) for a check forgery. This is my first offense. I have a short sentence and will be out next July 1979. Which brings me to my point. I have no family or friends to depend on. When I get out I would like to relocate in your area. I would like to correspond with people

from your area to find out more about it and develop sincere relationships. Using the natural intelligence and dignity we all have to share a dependable, warm and mutually respectful friendship. I'm a very healthy (5'11"-178 lbs.) person and enjoy a variety of outdoor and indoor activities.

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Motivation: The Key to Higher GPA'S

This letter is being written to you with the realization that you are not the least bit culpable for the situation to be discussed. I did not write this letter directly to the person who precipitated the writing because I wish to respond to statements made public with a response equally public.

I am writing to comment on an article that appeared in the Thursday, November 9, 1978, edition of the Valley Star. The title of the article is "Women Attain Higher GPA's Than VC Men." Two remarks, quoted as having been made by Mr. Fred Machetanz, Research Coordinator at Valley College, were very disturbing.

Mr. Machetanz hypothesized that the 0.45 difference between the GPA's of women and men transfer students to CSUN could be due to the different kinds of classes that the women students take. Furthermore, he said that he would like also to see if men and women students work the same number of hours while attending school.

I take great exception to both of these insinuations.

What exactly does Mr. Machetanz mean by "different kinds of classes?" The implication is clear: Women fill some of their idle hours taking flunky classes while the men toil away at the more difficult courses.

If he were to take the time to test his hypothesis, I doubt that Mr. Machetanz would find much evidence to support his view. Would a statistical breakdown of the past graduating classes at CSUN affirm what he said? If so, one would expect to find women graduates receiving degrees in Basket Weaving and Movie Appreciation and the men graduates receiving degrees in Physics and Microbiology.

This is not the case. The fact is that the classes one takes lead to the degree one gets. If the women are taking less esoteric classes and are there just for fun then

the probability is that few of them are graduating. Do the statistics bear out this conclusion?

Mr. Machetanz' second insidious suggestion, that men work longer hours and therefore cannot maintain as high a GPA, is as groundless as his first suggestion, and ultimately as false.

Perhaps more men students hold down full or part-time jobs than do the women students. But, as Mr. Machetanz pointed out, the women are an average of two years older than the men students. This fact would lead to the conclusion that more of the women students are married.

Unfortunately, the Bureau of Labor Statistics does not include the job "Housewife" in their figures, and so many people have come to the conclusion that the job itself is nonexistent. I would hold that those who believe this are either men or very rich women who do not participate in the profession directly.

Anyone, male or female, who does not believe that running a household and caring for children is not, at the very least, a full-time job is a full-time fool.

The responsibilities of being a housewife coupled with the effort involved with attending college part-time results in a full schedule.

It is surprising and disappointing to read the irresponsible and unfounded remarks made by Mr. Machetanz, a man who holds a position of responsibility at Valley College. One would expect more thought, care, and research from the Research Coordinator.

In order not to seem totally negative and deprecatory I shall offer my own theories aimed at explaining the GPA difference between women and men students.

Women are, for the most part, in a position where it is necessary for them to work doubly hard just to be able to attend college. Because the

Chicano Studies Blamed

In opening, I urge all students to vote yes on A.S.B. Constitutional Amendment 3. The following facts will show you why.

I think the headlines in your November 30 edition of the Valley Star should have read, "Chicano Studies Department denounces Ramirez and his amendment." That type of headline would be more consistent with the actual situation at hand.

It is the Chicano Studies Department that is responsible for all of the friction between Ron Ramirez, Commissioner of Chicano Studies and MECHA, including Jim Garcia's (Chairman of MECHA) charges that the label Hispanic is regressive and that Ramirez is abandoning his constituency by proposing a job title change.

At the beginning of the semester, when things were just getting started, Ron Ramirez, Jim Garcia, and Francisco Morales held a meeting for all those people interested in helping put MECHA, which had become a loosely knitted social gathering, back into

shape, by making it the politically motivated and awareness raising club it was intended to be. Besides myself, as an observer, no one else but these three men came.

It was at this meeting that it was decided, by all three men, that what was needed was a new membership drive designed to make Hispanic students not identifying with the Chicano label, aware that MECHA wanted and needed them to help fill key positions in the clubs hierarchy and to also work in the newly formed committees. This project was to be accomplished by drawing up a recruitment flier that stated in part: MECHA needs qualified Chicanos, Latin Americans, Central Americans, Peruvians, Costa Ricans, and all others of Hispanic descendants to serve as officers or on club committees. What was interesting to note is that the two officers from MECHA did not express displeasure or even a petty annoyance to the use of the term Hispanic. So why the sudden change in attitude?

It began, I think, after Ron Ramirez took the proposed flier to the Chicano Studies Department to get their approval. I say this because up until that time MECHA members and Ramirez were successfully working together at revamping MECHA so as to have a much stronger and more diverse foundation from which to proceed with their programs.

Once at the Chicano Studies Department, Ramirez first encountered Mr. Avila, a teacher within the department, and proceeded to explain to him the progress he (Ramirez) was making in restructuring MECHA. Mr. Avila was pleased until he saw the

recruitment flier.

It was at this point that Mr. Avila lashed out at Ramirez, referring to him as a racist and a segregationist because of the line in the flier that referred to the different types of Hispanic students mentioned above.

I find it strange that the man who was telling Ramirez that the line should read "Chicanos and all others" had had the audacity to call Ramirez a racist and a segregationist. Mr. Avila, by stating the line should read Chicanos and all other Hispanic students on campus, was in fact being both an elitist and a segregationist.

Avila went on to tell Ramirez that MECHA would never go for the idea. Then he went about making sure MECHA wouldn't buy it by stacking the next MECHA meeting with outside influencers, one from UCLA, one from Northridge, as well as the head of the Chicano Study Department.

Up until that point no one member of the Chicano Studies Department had attended even one meeting of MECHA.

It was the Studies Department (Continued on Pg. 8, Col. 4)

LA Trustee Lambasted By Student

It seems to this Valley College student that the praise of Gwen Moore this Saturday at West Los Angeles Community College was unnecessary and untrue.

Moore, the former board of trustees member won an assembly seat in the November elections.

I feel that the Honorable Merv Dymally gave Ms. Moore unearned honor to say that she always completes everything she starts. In actuality Ms. Moore started as chairperson of the Student Board Member Selection Procedures Committee and never completed the tasks which she as chairperson stated would be dealt with. Especially the definition of the duties and responsibilities of the Student Board Member. Let me just say that I hope the next chairperson appointed can finish what they start.

Pat Moore
L.A.V.C. Student

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GSC Upset Over Milk, Moscone

The 36 members of the Los Angeles Valley College Gay Students' Coalition hereby register their disgust with the murders of San Franciscan politicians Supervisor Harvey Milk and Mayor George Moscone.

It is a shame that more than two hundred years after the words, "Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness," came into being that they must be tested and proved every day of our lives.

Mr. Milk dies for disagreeing. Mayor Moscone died for making up his mind.

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Valley's Nursing Head To Retire

By MILLIE BARBOZA
Staff Writer

Professor Mae M. Johnson, Valley's nursing department head for the past 16 years, will retire Jan. 26.

"I will miss the students especially," says Johnson. "Here in Valley's nursing department we are fortunate to have such a good camaraderie



MAE M. JOHNSON

among students and instructors," Johnson adds with a confident smile.

Presently, Johnson is president of the Gamma Kappa Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma (an international education society). Her term expires in 1980, "but I shall continue to be in-

involved as much as possible," adds Johnson.

"I feel good knowing that when I leave Valley, the Nursing Department will continue on the same professional level it is now," says Johnson.

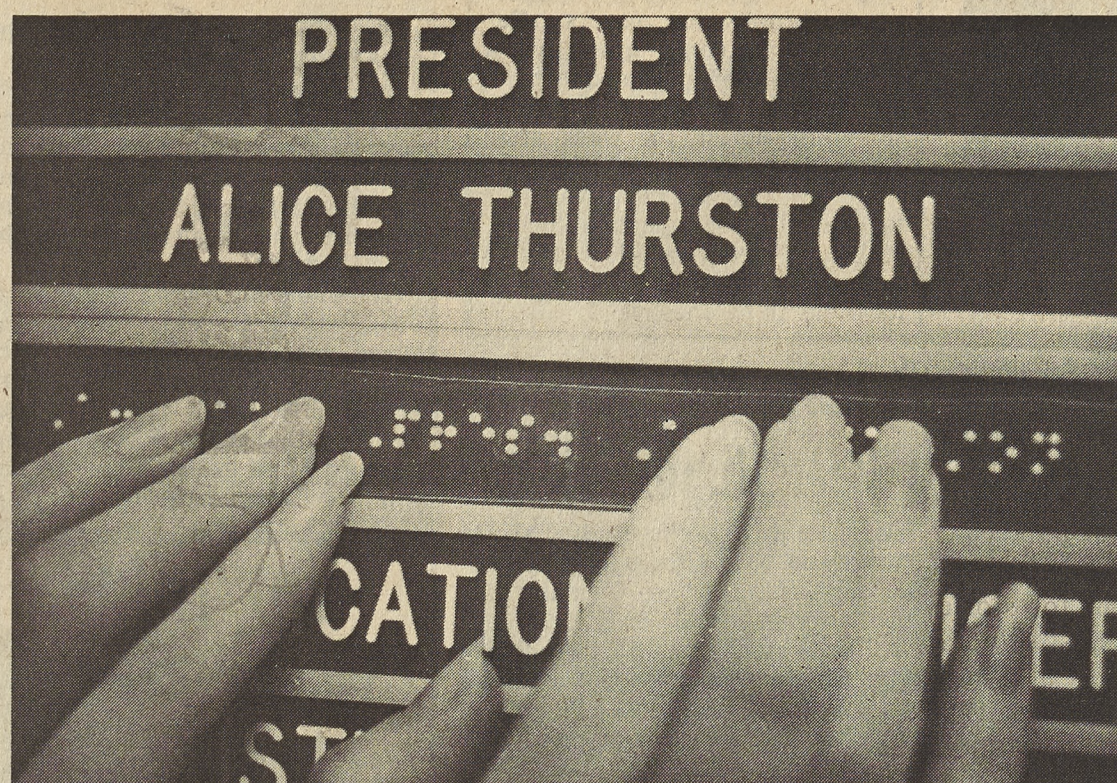
"Valley's Nursing Department has met the highest standards required in the United States," Johnson said. "And we are fortunate to have a well qualified staff that is willing to make important changes needed for progress."

Johnson relates one of the greatest professional satisfactions she has experienced at Valley. "Watching the department grow from 5 instructors to 22, and a student body of 55 to over 300 was a very fulfilling vision for me," Johnson says.

The construction of a Health-Science Building on campus is one of Johnson's visions that has not materialized. "But, you never know ... someday ..." Johnson says smiling widely.

Johnson will be rounding out her "active" retirement by continuing to author books on nursing. "I am going to study a foreign language, and for sure, I am going to enroll in a gourmet cooking class," she says.

Valley will have Professor of Nursing Lorretta M. Worthington as the new head of the department beginning Spring '79 semester.



FEELING HER WAY—Blind students have had an easier time finding offices in the Administration Building thanks to braille plaques put up by the Rotaract Club and ASB.

Star photo by Josh Kaplan

Braille Plaques Open New Doors For Valley Blind

By SYLVIA B. STEVENS
Staff Writer

Thirteen blind students at Valley have an easier time finding an office in the Administration Building than they do finding a classroom. Many of those offices are identified on Braille plaques by each door.

George Kopoulos, coordinator of special services, explains the plaques were put up by the Rotaract Club and the AS committee for Handicapped Awareness. The project began two years ago and specified that all offices and classrooms be labeled in Braille, but lack of funds, perishable tape, and the "prying fingers of some students" limited the project.

Tapes that were vandalized or fell victim to the elements are costly to replace, according to Kopoulos. "There are higher priorities on our list of needs," he said, "such as wheelchair ramps and general campus improvements."

"Metal plaques would be better," he added, "but they would also be more expensive." Plans for installing new plaques are still tentative. The new Braille labels, Kopoulos feels, will give Valley's blind students a greater sense of independence.

Students Receive Help

Peer Advisers Geared To Plan Classes

By JANICE LUGAVERE
Staff Writer

Valley's peer counselors are gearing up for students who may need help in planning their classes for spring enrollment.

Trained student advisers, also referred to as peer counselors, are available throughout campus to aid students, prospective students, administration, and counselors.

Prior to working as student ad-

visors, students are screened for enrollment into Personal Development 15, a course designed specifically to train students in peer counseling. It is a 20-week, 3-unit course, with credit toward an AA degree. Ramiro Rosillo, coordinator of the program is currently working to get the course accredited as transferable to a four-year school.

Requirements for a student adviser position include a 2.0 GPA in all work completed at Valley College, enrollment in at least 12 units, and successful completion of the training program. Students are chosen on the basis of interest and their ability to be helpful as assessed by the coordinator. Preference is given to the

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VC Awareness Weeks Continue

Thursday, Dec. 7

- "American Jews and the Holocaust," the history of the free Jewries response to the slaughter of six million people who lost their lives during World War II in Hitler's reign. 9:30 a.m. Bungalow 69.
- "The Story Behind Isaac Bashevis Singer," with Dr. Sidney Adler, director of off-campus programs, Moorpark College presents the story behind the Yiddish author and Nobel Prize winner. 11 a.m. Humanities 101.
- "Are We Jewish-Americans or American Jews?" a workshop-discussion inviting opinions and offering new views on this question. 8 p.m. Hillel House, 13162 Burbank Blvd.
- Wheelchair Rally, two teams of four able-bodied members will race around the campus in wheelchairs. 11 a.m. Monarch Square.
- Art Exhibit, art works by handicapped student David Churchill. 11 a.m. Monarch Square.
- "Singing Bells," seven elderly blind people from the Braille Institute play musical bells. 11 a.m. Monarch Square.
- "Go For It," an audio-visual presentation by Steve Dillard on how disabled can go backpacking. 11:30 a.m. Monarch Hall.

Friday, Dec. 8

- "A Different Approach," 11 a.m. Monarch Hall.

What's Happening

STUDENT/FACULTY DIALOGUE

The dialogue will feature Sydel Pannor of the Sociology Dept. on Thursday, Dec. 7 at 11 a.m. in the S.H.E. Center, CC108. Everyone welcome. Contact Irene Jusko for further info. Ext. 264.

LETTER-WRITING WORKSHOP

You are invited to attend a letter-writing workshop on Tuesday, Dec. 12 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Los Angeles City College Student Center. Envelopes and paper will be provided along with hand out information on how to write an assemblyperson, a congressman, governor, president, etc. Stamps will be sold and refreshments will be served after the workshop.

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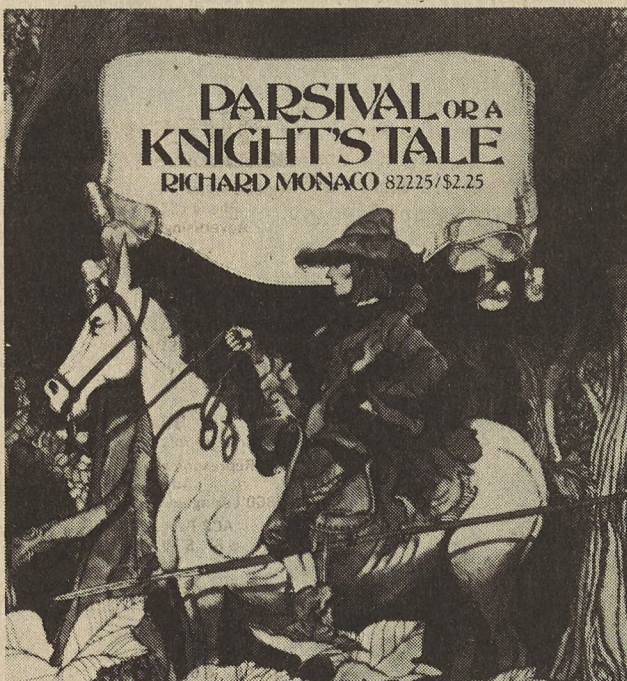
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THE PITS—Two Valley students tread lightly over an olive-stained walkway leading to the cafeteria. Star photo by Dale Randall

Look, It's a Bird, No It's a Plane, But Wait, It's a Superolive Mess!

By TOM LEAGUE and KELLEY TABOR
Star Editors

Goopy, bird excrement-type droppings can be found several places on campus. But no, it's not a bird, it's an olive. An olive?

Yes, because of Proposition 13 cutbacks, which left only 46 percent of the budget required to keep the school grounds in shape, olives, which beforehand had been non-existent because they were sprayed to keep from coming to fruition, have been falling off in droves, and splattering the walkways into the aforementioned mess.

In fact, one middle-aged student

took a dive when her foot came into contact with a freshly-fallen olive. Stunned for a moment, she soon regained her senses, got up and proceeded along her merry way.

Just by coincidence on the day before, the groundskeepers hired a private tree-cutting firm which trimmed most of the trees around campus.

The olive trees were included in the contract, which cost \$4,000. As can be seen, the firm left the olives and the mess. But the mess could have been prevented if the olive trees were sprayed in the first place. The groundskeepers have tried to keep the walks swept off, unsuccessfully.

Even certain journalism students

Crown is Coming

Crown Magazine, the school yearbook/magazine, now smaller and due to come out once a semester will be scheduled to make its appearance on campus sometime during the week after Christmas vacation.

The price for the publication put together by journalism students, will be \$1 with a paid I.D., and \$2 without. It will be distributed at locations to be announced.

Manuscript Deadline Set

Manuscript 24 seeks original short stories and poetry for publication in the campus magazine. Deadline for submission is Dec. 15 in H 121.

All work must conform to specific style. Entries should be typed, double-spaced, on white paper size 8½ by 11. Contributor's name should appear on the title page only with his ID number in the upper left corner of every page.

Poetry is limited to 50 lines, and fiction should not exceed 1,500 words. Those wishing their work returned should leave a self-addressed stamped envelope. The editorial staff expects all entries to be reasonably free of spelling errors.

Harry Wiles Memorial awards will be given to first and second place poems.

... Moratorium

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to which the youths were brought by bus, because of its central location.

The message of unity was also delivered by performing groups and guest speakers from both the public and private sector who had come from the barrios and understood the jealousies and rivalries among the city's Chicanos.

"The whole day was a complete success," says Garcia. "Everyone shared the same fears of more violence between gangs. There were security officers all around campus expecting the violence, but nothing happened at all except a true feeling of unity between ourselves."

Clubs

TM Club

The Transcendental Meditation Club will be meeting today at 11 a.m. in CC203.

Sociology Club

"Human Rights — a World View" will be the topic of discussion at today's meeting of the Sociology Club at 11 a.m. in CH101. Dan Hirsch, former Southern California coordinator of Amnesty International, will be the speaker.

Individualist Association

The Individualist Association will present "A Free Marketplace of Ideas" at its meeting this coming Tuesday at 11 a.m. in H100. For more information leave a message in the Individualistic Association box in CC102, or call 787-4877.

have been trying to help out by picking the olives off the ground and hitting them with plastic baseball bats, dissipating the olives over a wide area, (Continued on Pg. 8, Col. 5)

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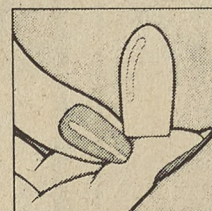
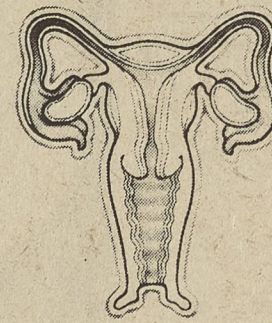
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"WINTER SKY AND CHRISTMAS STAR"

The LAVC Planetarium will be presenting the second "Winter Sky and Christmas Star" lecture with guest lecturer Jon Hodge of the Griffith Observatory on Fri., Dec. 8, at 7:30 p.m.

FILM: "GENERAL DELLA ROVERE"

"General Della Rovere," starring Vittorio De Sica, is a film about the torn environment of Italy — still occupied by the Nazis toward the end of World War II. The film will be shown in Monarch Hall, Fri., Dec. 8, at 8 p.m. Admission is \$1. English subtitles.

FILM: "MODERN TIMES"

"Modern Times," a well-known work of Charlie Chaplin, will be screened in Monarch Hall, Mon., Dec. 11, from 1-3 p.m. No charge.

FREE SUNDAY PHILHARMONIC CONCERT

The LAVC Philharmonic Choir and COTA Chamber Orchestra will perform on Sun., Dec. 10 at 3 p.m. in Music 106.

LAVC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The LAVC Symphony Orchestra will be performing music by Wagner, Mozart, and excerpts from Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Suite" in Monarch Hall, Tues., Dec. 12, at 8 p.m. This concert will be performed for free.



'Helium' To Debut 'High' Of Comedy

"Helium ... A Different Kind of High," a Lab Theater production conceived and directed by theater student Matt Casella, will be performed on Wed., Dec. 13, at 8 p.m., and Thurs., Dec. 14 at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. in the Lab Theater in the Theater Arts Building, free of charge.

"Helium ... is a musical comedy made up of popular skits and musical numbers. Casella has invented a very unique kind of show," said Susan Alpert, student stage manager.

The production consists of excerpts from skits by authors such as Woody Allen. "Our seven member cast may have the audience singing along as well as laughing," said Director Casella.

"Helium ... A Different Kind of High" is the second Lab Theater production of the semester. The Lab Theater gives talented theater students the opportunity to direct, stage manage, and present productions to Valley audiences.

Live Music, Entertainment Set for Folk Dance Party

Valley's International Rendezvous Folk Dance Club has reserved Saturday, Dec. 9, for a Folk Dance party with live music from 8 p.m. to midnight featuring the NAMA Orchestra and the Karpatok Hungarian Folk Dance Ensemble in the Field House on Valley's campus.

Admission is \$1.50. The NAMA Orchestra is a well-known folk dance orchestra, having played for several folk dance coffee houses and folk dancing clubs in Southern California. Their repertoire includes dances from Eastern

Fantasy To Prevail on VC Stage; 'Sleeping Beauty' Opens Dec. 8



"AND THE PRINCESS SHALL SLEEP FOREVER" — The Wicked Godmother (Pam Pearlson) threatens Queen (Donna Resetar) and King (Jim Miller) about how their daughter will prick her finger and sleep forever. The Good Godmother (Sandy Steven) helps the Prince (Adam Palmer) gain courage to save the kingdom from the Wicked Godmother.

Star photo by Parker Seeman

By CHRISSEY JESSEE

Fine Arts Editor

"Sleeping Beauty," a fantasy adapted for the stage by English playwright Brian Way, will be performed by Valley's Theater Arts Department for children and adults of all ages on Fridays, Dec. 8, and 15 at 7:30 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays, Dec. 9, 10, 16 and 17, at 2 p.m. in the Little Theater.

Admission is a \$1.50 for all fairy tale loving adults, \$1 for all fairy tale lover students, and 50 cents for any fairy tale lovers under 14. All groups with 25 or more are eligible for a 25 percent discount.

"The basic story is the same as the fairy tale, but Mr. Way has adopted and added many new concepts as well as expanding the story," said Marilyn Weitz, guest director of the play.

"The characters vary from the lovely Princess and the newcomer Prince who bravely ends up saving the kingdom, to the comic and forgetful Lord Chamberlain whose ways will amuse everyone."

Terri Finkelstein will play the Princess, Adam Palmer as the Prince, and Tony Liveri as Lord Chamberlain.

"The Prince is awarded his royalty and courage with the help of the Good Godmother, (Sandy Steven), against

the Wicked Godmother, (Pam Pearlson)," Weitz added.

Other members of the cast include: Roxanne Bulczak, Chef; Kathryn Capp, Royal Chef; Brenda Carter, Brenda; Frank Ciongoli, Bonsum; Stacey Leow, Estelle; Bonnie Max, Royal Nurse; Michael Milhoan, Pirate Captain; Jim Miller, King; Nicolis Presher, General Lifelong; Donna Resetar, Queen; Kim Thomas, Lori; Lisa Glucksman, Miss Precious; and Tony Trimble, First Sailor.

This will be Weitz's third directing job of a Valley Theater Arts production. "I enjoy working with the Theater Arts students here, and I believe 'Sleeping Beauty' is one of the most enjoyable plays I have directed."



YE STUDENT ART CLUB SALE HAS BEGUN — Decorative ceramics, oil paintings, weaved goods, and bead creations will be on sale in Valley's Art Gallery until Dec. 14, Mon.-Thur. from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. during the day and 6:30 to 10 p.m. in the evenings.

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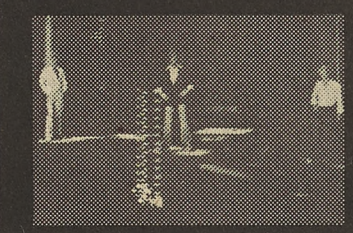
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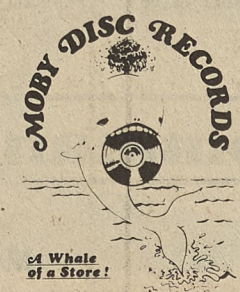
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Elvin—Valley's Superstar

By LANNY CONTE
Assoc. Sports Editor

"You know what bothers me most? Stereotypes. People think just because you're a girl and you look a certain way that you couldn't possibly be an athlete."

Not usually one to complain, Valley College sophomore Cathy Elvin is pretty enough that most people would expect to see her at an athletic event on the sidelines leading cheers, rather than on the court leading her team to victory.

Recently selected as the Metropolitan Conference's Co-Most Valuable Player in women's volleyball, along with El Camino College's Monica McFaul, Elvin doesn't have a whole lot to complain about. Currently she is looking ahead to her second season as starting forward on the Valley College women's basketball team.

"We should have a very good year, maybe even better than we did in volleyball," said an optimistic Elvin. Her volleyball team finished the regular season in a dead heat with El Camino, both had identical 13-1 Metro Conference records. But in the playoffs it was ECC who came out on top.

Looking back on that game Elvin said, "It was a hard match to lose. We had beaten them before and felt we could have done better."

Admitting to surprise at her being selected as Co-M.V.P., did Elvin think she had a shot at receiving similar honors in basketball?

"I don't think it would sound very good if I said I did," she said.

Genuinely modest (She didn't even know her scoring average in basketball last season.), Cathy was embarrassed to admit being selected as Athlete of the Year in 1977 while attending high school at Our Lady of Loretto in Los Angeles.

Surely with her successful athletic background college scouts must be knocking down the door trying to get Elvin. Not so.

"Things are a lot different with men and women," explained red-haired Elvin. "With men the colleges recruit you. With women you have to recruit the colleges. Then you have to just sit back and wait to see if they are interested."

Currently Cathy is awaiting replies from San Jose St., UC-Santa Barbara, and San Diego St., but showed particular preference pertaining to her application to the University of Hawaii.

Enviably attractive, Cathy has been approached with modeling offers and at a lean 5'10", she hasn't ruled modeling out as a future career possibility. She's also interested in law enforcement (Cathy is an administration of justice major.), and may work this vacation as a plain clothes officer looking for shoplifters in a department store. In the meantime she keeps her attentions focused on sports.

Why?

"It's fun," smiles Cathy, "and I'm a very competitive person . . . And I love to win!"



COME ON BIG GREEN LET'S GO—Monarch cheerleaders (l to r) Ellen, Janet, Kathy, and Charla display the banner of their favorite team. They hope you'll come out and give basketball your support this season. Valley faces Cal. St. Northridge JV's Dec. 13 at 7:30 here at Valley and Moorpark on the 15th; same time, same place.

Star photo by Stan Motzkin

Hockey Monarchs Remain Undefeated; Blast Irvine, Prepare for CSU Northridge

By EIRAM POLLARD
Sports Editor

Hard hitting, consistent scoring, and good defense have kept Valley's hockey team in first place in Division A, as they came from behind to beat a strong UC Irvine team, 5-1.

"It was a good game, and our defense kept us close for the first two periods," said Coach Dan Sholl. Monarch goalie, John Rowbotham made 16 saves in the victory, while his opponent, Dave Roche turned away 25 Valley shots on goal.

Irvine took a 1-0 lead in the first period, and held it into the middle of the second period, when forward Jim O'Brien popped in a goal for Valley.

O'Brien, along with Jim Honeycutt, two of Valley's best players both scored twice. Randy Gottlieb blasted one by Roche.

"Offensively, we played sloppy hockey in the first two periods," continued Sholl, "but then we put it together in the third with three goals."

Sholl mentioned that UC Irvine has a strong skating team, and is tough along the boards, and are perhaps the best competition that Valley will face this year.

Valley prepares this week for matches against always tough CSUN and Long Beach State. "We will be working hard on our offensive attack in practice," said Sholl.

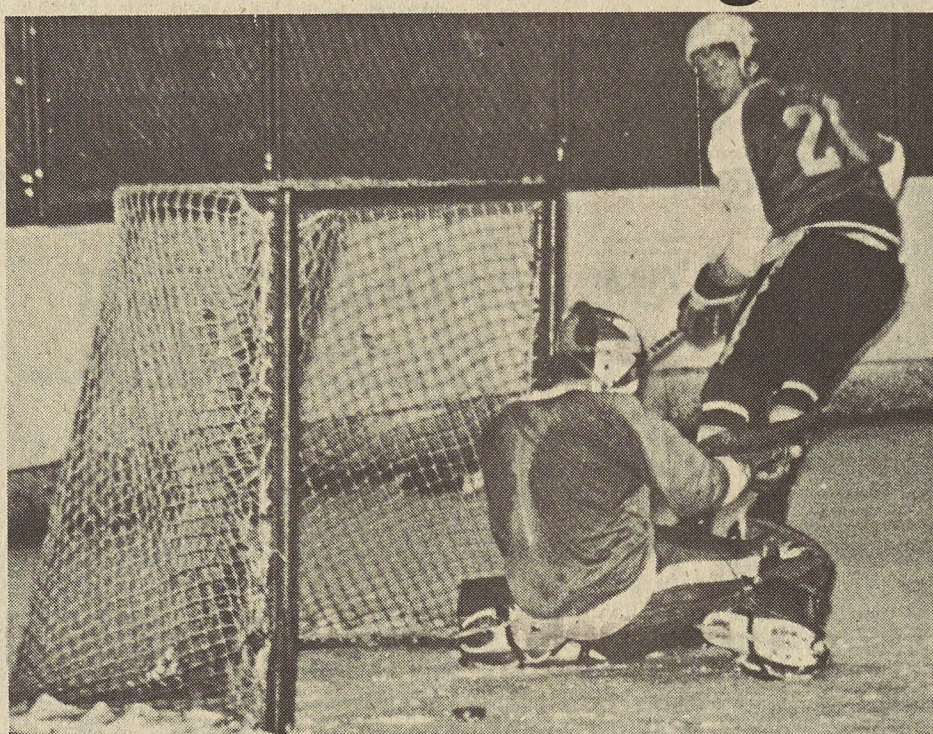
The Monarchs already beat the Matadors of Northridge earlier in the season, 3-1, and this match would be no different from the match as far as hard-hitting, aggressive hockey is concerned.

In their first game with the Matadors, Valley overcame a 1-0 deficit, and went ahead 2-1. Late in the game, CSUN pulled their goalie out of the nets to put an extra skater on the ice, thus giving them a 6-5 advantage. O'Brien intercepted a pass and scored an empty net goal to ice the victory.

Against UC Irvine, O'Brien, Mazzella, and John Warden were Valley's three stars, and they will have to be at the top of their games to help the Monarchs defeat the Matadors.

Sholl believes that the team will have little trouble against Long Beach's 49ers, who are the weakest team in the division.

CSUN will invade the cold confines of Pickwick Ice Rink Monday Dec. 11 at 11 p.m., and a large crowd is expected. Tuesday, Valley travels to Bay Harbor, home ice of the 49ers, for an 11 p.m. start.



CLOSE, BUT NO CIGAR — Monarch Ron O'Brien looks on from the corner as Jim Honeycutt (not pictured) takes a slap shot. Goaltender Russell Morrales makes the save for Long Beach State. Valley plays CSULB next Tuesday.

Star photo by Stan Motzkin

Sports Shorts

POOL TOURNAMENT

Tomorrow is the last day for sign-ups for the doubles pool tournament, which will be held next Tuesday and Thursday. Finals are at 11 a.m. on Dec. 14, in the Rec Room.

VC BATTLES MATADORS, 49ers

Monarchs hockey team will play CSUN next Monday at Pickwick in Burbank, a close hard hitting match can be expected. Tuesday, the team travels to Bay Harbor to face Long Beach State 49ers. Valley should win both games.

HOOPSTERS FACE CSUN-JV

Valley basketball team will battle Northridge's JV here at Valley next Wednesday evening. The Monarchs should have little trouble with the Matadors.

ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM NAMED

Members of the Women's Volleyball team did very well, making all-conference teams. Cathy Elvin made the first team, and was voted Co-MVP with Monica McFaul of El Camino. Mariana Clotan made the second team, while Sue Walter, and Liz Vowels both received honorable mention.

STAR-FACULTY GAME

LAVC's faculty has been challenged to the first Valley Star - Faculty softball game. It promises to be a good one with the faculties power hitting Mike Gardner leading his team, and Star's Lanny Conte, and Kelley Tabor playing. Tentative game time is Dec. 14 at 3 p.m. on the softball field.

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Hoopsters Finish Third, Beat COC

By EIRAM POLLARD
Sports Editor

Jimmy Holland and Lonnie Camper nearly led Valley's basketball team past the tough Yavapai Roughriders and into the finals. The Monarchs lost 63-60.

The Roughriders traveled all the way from Prescott, Arizona to Moorpark, CA, to participate in the tournament. They defeated Golden West to win the tourney.

Valley easily dribbled by a weak College of the Canyons team, and bumped heads with the Roughriders. Early in the game Yavapai amassed a ten point lead at 24-14. However, undaunted the Monarchs, under the leadership of Holland, their playmaking guard, rallied with twelve unanswered points.

The real rally came with the score narrowed to seven, when Holland was dribbling in the back court and was fouled. Yavapia received a technical foul for arguing on the call. Holland went to the freethrow line and tossed in three straight points. Then Valley received the ball at halfcourt and Holland brought the ball down and sunk a 20 foot field goal, to pull Valley within two points.

On their next possession, Holland again hit another field goal to tie the game at 24 all.

Camper, a 6'7" forward-center led both teams with 11 rebounds, the majority which came in the second half, when Valley needed them most.

"I was very pleased with the way the team played against Yavapai, they really showed me how good they are," said Coach Jim Stephens.

Valley opened a seven point midway through the fourth quarter, but the Roughriders chipped away, and

eventually caught the Monarchs at 56-all.

Holland and Ira Sollo led the team with 23 and 16 points respectively. Holland ended up with 53 points in the three games and was named to the all-tournament team. Valley finished the tournament in third place after beating Rio Hondo in their consolation game 78-72 in overtime.

"In the Rio Hondo game, our starters didn't play that well. I think it was a combination of being tired and letting down after the loss to Yavapai," said Stephens. "Our subs won the game for us."

Camper was the high scorer against Rio Hondo's Roadrunners, with 18 points, while Holland scored 13 and reserve guard Scott Soller hit for 11.

Holland, although disappointed with the loss to the roughriders was pleased overall with the team's play. "We've got a lot of improving to do, but when we get there we'll be great. We proved to ourselves that we can play with anybody, after that Yavapai game."

In his first start ever for Valley, Rick Jusko showed everyone that he knew what to do with the ball, as he led Valley with 18 points and 8 rebounds.

Valley was riddled with injuries and illnesses during the tournament, Les Walker and Bill Mathis both suffered from the flu but played well for the Monarchs. Shelton Reed sat out the tourney with a groin injury and Kelly Lynn-Thomas was hobbled with a bad ankle.

The Monarchs will face Northridge's JV next Wednesday night at Valley in the Men's Gym. Game time is 7:30 p.m.



DRIVING FOR THE SCORE — Star guard Jimmy Holland drives for a layup against Yavapai College's Roughriders during the Moorpark Tournament, as Warren "Potsie" Webb, Joe Krznarich, and Marty Peterson look on. In what was the best game of the entire tourney, Yavapai defeated the Monarchs 63-60, coming from behind in the final two minutes. Holland led Valley with 23 points in the loss. The Monarchs finished the weekend in third place, behind Yavapai and Golden West's Rustlers.

Star photo by John Marsh

VC Gridders Honored, Three Voted All-Metro

By LANNY CONTE
Assoc. Sports Editor

Valley Monarch Head Coach Steve Butler and his staff recently made their selections for this year's stand-out performers. Number one on the list of people honored was quarterback Floyd Hodge who was named as the Monarchs' Most Outstanding Player. Hodge became the only player in Valley College history to pass for over 1,500 yards and rush another 500 yards.

Named as the Most Valuable Offensive Player was slippery tailback Ricky Price, who became Valley's second greatest all-time rusher. Linebacker Tony Quirarte and nose guard James T. Richardson, Jr., were selected as Co-Most Valuable Player's of Valley's defensive team.

Defensive tackle Graham Harrison was chosen Most Inspirational, and Quirarte and offensive tackle Mike Weaver were named as the team captains for Valley.

The Metropolitan Conference also recently made their all-conference selections. Named to the Metro First Team from Valley College were Hodge, Weaver, and Harrison.

The only two second team selections representing Valley were Quirarte and cornerback Vernon Dean. Many other Monarchs received honorable mentions in their conference.

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EIRAM POLLARD

Kings Offer New Look

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Hockey is 11-years-old in the Los Angeles area on a professional level, and the Kings up until this season were drawing extremely well in the last few years.

Then they lost star goalie Rogie Vachon, and defenseman Gary Sargent in the free agent draft. Many of the irate fans, some 3,000 season seat holders included, decided, "To hell with the Kings."

However, with a new coach and lots of new faces, the Kings have a new style of play and something that the fans really haven't seen for several years, a hard-hitting team that wins, and wins often.

Oh, they say what a difference a year makes. Well, I say what a difference some new faces make.

Some of these new faces are really making an impression with other teams. The Kings received defenseman Rick Hampton, and forwards Steve Jensen and Dave Gardner as compensation for Sargent from the Minnesota North Stars.

One of the surprises of last season for the Kings was Rob Palmer. He is a regular this season and, he is sending shivers down the backs of opposing team's forwards with his hard-hitting in the corners.

What has made the Kings tick this year is superb goaltending, as veteran Ron Grahame, a late acquisition from the Boston Bruins, and rookie sensation Mario Lessard guard the crease for the Kings.

Lessard, who came up and played his first NHL game in late October, shut out the powerful Buffalo Sabres, and became only the fourth goalie in league history to open his career with a shutout.

Coach Bob Berry, a long-time King favorite has instrumented a new aggressive style of play, which includes digging for the puck along the boards. He stresses defense and vigorous forechecking. Berry feels to win, his

team must force the other team into mistakes.

I strongly recommend you to go see one because Bob Miller, King an-

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nouncer, is right when he says, "another exciting account of the Kings in action."

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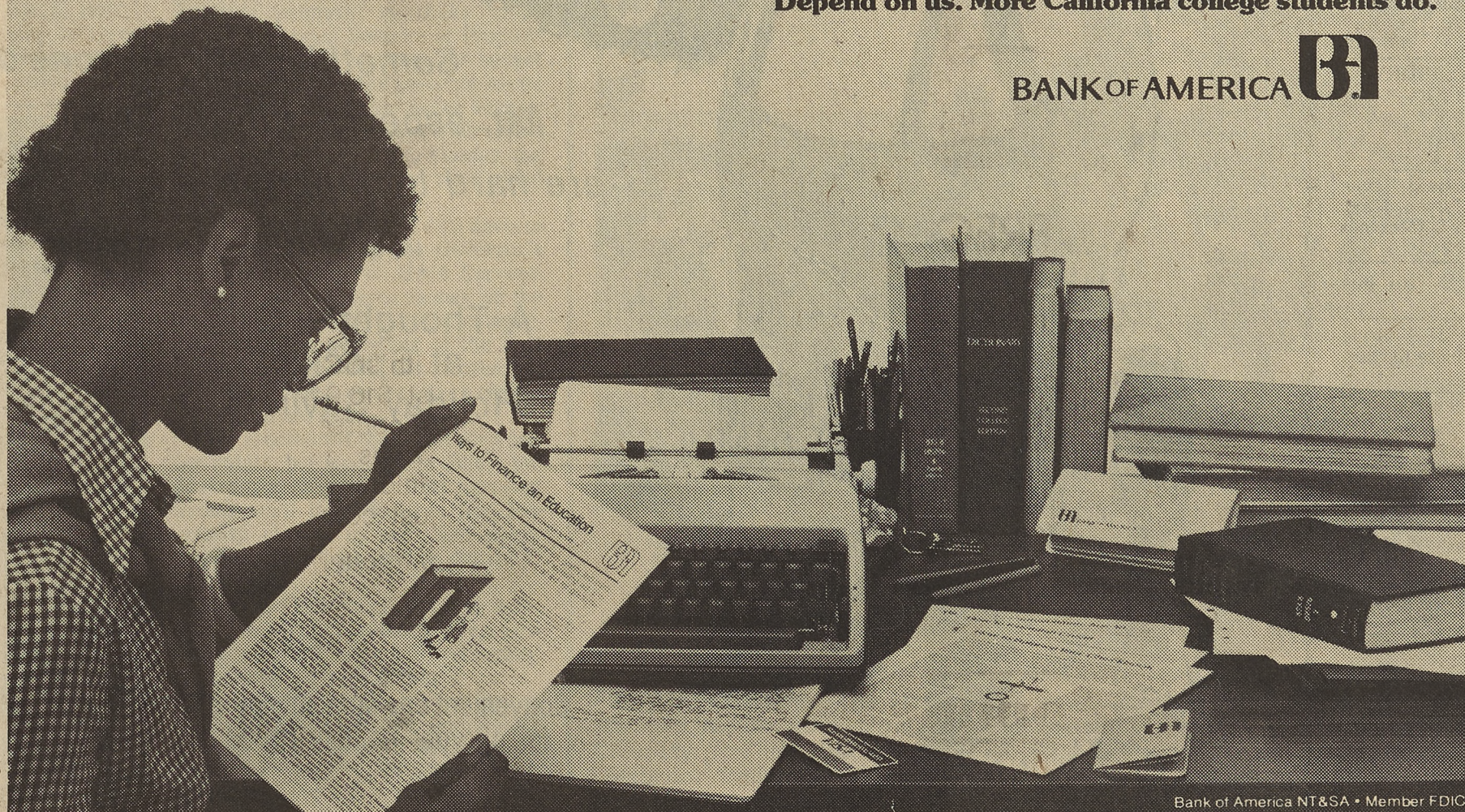
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... California Scholarships

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available from the state: the California State Scholarship (Cal Grant A), the College Opportunity Grant (Cal Grant B), and the Occupational Education and Training Grant (Cal Grant C).

Nye said eligibility for Cal Grant A will not be affected by SAT scores for the first time this year. She said financial need and Grade Point Average will be the determinants for that scholarship.

SAT scores may still be used in evaluating eligibility in cases where a student attends a school which does not award letter grades.

Cal Grant A covers tuition only, which makes it unusable for community college students, but Nye adds that winners of the grants may have their money held in reserve until they transfer to a university.

Cal Grant B is limited to students from low income families. Nye said students are not eligible for Cal Grant B if their family income is over \$12,000 with one to four children, \$12,700 with five children, and \$13,750 with six children.

Cal Grant B is for college freshmen only, Nye said. She hopes Valley students will tell their high school-aged brothers and sisters about it.

Cal Grant C is awarded to students showing promise in vocational fields. She said Cal Grant C awards can range up to \$2,000 annually.

... MECHA, Latinos Meet

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Adams said she thought the Latino students seemed confused about why they were there. She also thought one Latino student who spoke in favor of the amendment "was way off base."

While the Chicano and Latino students were together at the MECHA meeting, ASB Vice-President Randy Gottlieb asked MECHA members if they would continue to work with the commissioner if the title was changed to "Commissioner of Hispanic and Chicano Studies."

Gottlieb received no reply from the audience, but later several MECHA members agreed that they would continue to work with the commissioner,

The Child Development Center at Valley College will be offering extended services this spring thanks to a \$36,230 grant from the Child Office of Child Development.

The Center had been operating from the hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. but will now be open until 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Previously, the center had offered services to student parents with children from the ages of 2½ to 5 years but will now be accepting children kindergarten through third grade ages.

Services will be provided free or at a low cost to income eligible parents who are working or attending school. Offered in the program curriculum are arts and crafts, carpentry, gardening, dramatic play, cooking, science experimentation, animal care, music and instruments, skating, biking, and field trips.

Applications for spring semester are now being accepted and those interested in requirements and further information should phone the center at 988-8570.

... Peer Counseling

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student with background in psychological and sociological fields, but it is not a must. Presently the majority of students involved in the program are females majoring in psychology.

Each semester approximately 20 students are selected out of the many who apply and about 10 of the 20 will get a paying position by the end of the semester. Many of the student advisers continue in that capacity for about three semesters. Following the program a student is qualified to work as a counselor or teacher aide. Some of the students have been hired to fill these positions on the junior and senior high school level.

Student counselors can be found in 122G of the Administration Building as well as various locations on campus.

but would take action to have "Hispanic" taken out of the name.

Francisco Morales, who is running unopposed for commissioner of Chicano studies, said, "I have seen no friction here between Chicanos and Latin Americans. No Latino has come into this room and been told to go away."

Morales said he hopes to work with both Chicano and Latino students, and said a name change would not affect his dealings with the groups.

Ramirez and the Latino students left before the meeting ended. "We must leave now, because we are working to see that this (amendment) passes," he said.

... Teachers, Grades, and Attrition

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teachers use different grading systems, and the sum total of all these unanswered questions is that grades, in themselves, are totally meaningless. All measurements are taken with rubber rulers; we do not agree about whether we should be measuring in feet, or yards — inches, or millimeters. We do not even agree about what we should be measuring.

The complaint was made that the Dean's List and Phi Beta Kappa are no longer meaningful. Of course not. They are elitist institutions. So they mean nothing in an egalitarian

system. The only really significant question that an academic elitist should ask is not what a student's final grade point average is, but how well he does on a standardized test, such as the Graduate Record Exam. These scores can then be meaningfully compared with those from past years, or they can meaningfully compare graduates of one school system with another. Even here, though, caution must be observed. One cannot simply compare the average GRE scores from Valley College in 1978 with the average Valley College scores from 1968 and conclude that since the average is now lower, the college is

failing to do its job. Quality should not be measured without reference to quantity. The remainder of the equation may be that there are now twice the number of graduates as there were ten years ago, and a larger number of people actually make higher scores now than they did then.

This would give a somewhat more realistic answer to the question of whether the schools are successful in preparing students academically. But it would not answer whether they are successful in performing their other functions of remedial training, rehabilitation therapy, racial integration, citizenship development, vocational training, community service, cultural enrichment, and research.

Until the public, the legislature, the board of trustees, and all the various administrations face up to these elementary questions I, for one, am tired of hearing all the nonsense about grade inflation and attrition indicating a "failure" of the public school system.

Dr. W. Milton Timmons
Associate Professor
Dept. of Theater and Cinema Arts

Photo I.D. Card Blasted

I'm writing this letter in rebuttal to your recent article in Volume XXX, No. 9 regarding student I.D.'s. It was, to me and most of my friends, one of the most immature and unimportant articles printed in your paper.

For one thing, I can't believe that most Valley students complain about our I.D.'s when there is so much more important things to complain about, such as; better parking, the registration procedures, bookstore hours catering only to day students, etc. Complaining that it "doesn't look like an I.D. card?" Pray-tell what does an I.D. card look like? Just because when we were in junior and senior high school we had a wallet-size card with our mug-shots in the left hand corner doesn't necessarily mean that that's the only way to go. Does anyone really believe that having your picture on a card will make you feel "more identifiable with college?"

And what about the "inexpensive" Polaroid I.D. three-land identification camera? With all the scare over Proposition 13, I see more wasted money being spent than ever before. From all the remodeling of our cafeteria to the "junk mail" I've been

receiving recently. How much will this camera actually cost? Can this camera really be justified considering the dropout rate of students?

I feel we should be focusing on more important problems and events of our school, not whether our I.D. cards make us feel college or grown-up.

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... Testing

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Hamilton said parents found to be carriers have several options open to them. They can elect to take their chances with normal conception or could consider artificial insemination by a male non-carrier. They could decide not to have children, adopt children, or have each pregnancy tested by amniocentesis.

Through amniocentesis it can be determined if the fetus is afflicted. A pregnancy with Tay-Sachs can be terminated if the couple so chooses.

Hamilton said Tay-Sachs testing is in its third year at Valley and the program has tested 562 persons to date.

... Olive Droppings

Faculty member John Buchanan, professor of speech, has suggested that an outside olive company come to the campus and harvest the olives, instead of letting them ripen and fall off the trees.

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and making them less unsightly and dangerous.

"We're here to help," said one of them.

... Advisers Blamed for Conflict

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Head, Dr. Miranda, who took the lead now and tried to discredit Ramirez in front of MECHA. She went as far as to try to influence MECHA against Ramirez by making everyone aware that Ramirez wasn't even a Chicano and therefore should not have been elected to the post.

Ramirez answered that charge by informing the entire room that each of them had had the opportunity to run for the office. Further, that he had waited twenty minutes before the deadline for filing the petition to give the Chicanos time to send a representative to file. When no one came he took it upon himself to apply for the position.

Mr. Avila in the meantime was telling Ramirez that the Chicanos had struggled and had blood spilled to get the representation they now have. Further, for Ramirez to go out and fight for his own goals for representation.

I just wonder if Mr. Avila realizes that when MECHA was having financial difficulties of its own it was the members of the now non-existing LASO Club that came to their rescue by supplying them with funds.

In regards to Dr. Mirandas' statement, in the last weeks' Star, that Chicano is a cultural term associated with ancient Mexican, and that it represents a feeling of brotherhood, I have this to say: Chicano might correlate with a feeling of brotherhood now and since its use in Texas in 1947, however, before that time the ancient Mexicans corresponded with Chicano with Chicazo, meaning "a poorly educated young man who aimlessly, as a vagabond, roamed the streets. To other Mexicans the word Chicano had an even more derogatory connotation: chicanery!"

I would also call on Dr. Miranda to please explain to me, if she can, what term she would use when trying to es-

tablish a working rapport with students on campus of her same race, who are accustomed to being identifiable with the Hispanic label and are proud of it.

Finally, in closing, I would like to point out that throughout this entire episode it has been stated over and over again by certain members of the Chicano Studies Department that Ramirez is not a Chicano and therefore should not be Commissioner of Chicano Studies. Can anyone from the Chicano Studies Department explain to me why they haven't taken the proper steps, this time again, to insure that a Chicano is running for the office next semester. The only applicant to apply so far is Francisco Morales, a Mexican, or is it your intent to stir up more controversy again next semester.

Richard Cowstill
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